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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN BILATERAL ON JAPANESE REQUEST LIST

1. USMTN DEL (MCNAMARA ET AL) MET WITH 12 MITI AND JAPANESE DELEGATION OFFICIALS (TAKAHASHI ET AL) ON MAY 27 TO LISTEN TO FURTHER EXPLANATIONS OF JAPAN'S SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST LIST TO THE UNITED STATES. (BILATERAL MEETINGS OF MAY 25-26 ON JAPANESE RESPONSE TO U.S. REQUEST LIST ARE BEING REPORTED IN SEPTEL.) TAKAHASHI REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN SPECIFYING THE U.S. OFFER, PARTICULARLY ON ASP, 201 ITEMS, AND CERAMIC DINNERWARE ITEMS. JAPANESE INFORMED USDEL THAT EVEN IF THE RATES ON U.S. TO BE SPECIFIED ITEMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF NEXT BILATERAL (POSSIBLY JUNE 8-10), JAPANESE WOULD LIKE SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO OTHER JAPANESE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS. JAPANESE DEL CONTINUED TO REQUEST

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CUTS ON SOME ITEMS EXTENDING BEYOND TRADE ACT AUTHORITY.

2. USDEL MADE GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE JAPANESE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST LIST BASED ON GENEVA 6390 AND MADE INTENTIONALLY FRAGMENTARY AND INSCRUTABLE COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE U.S. OFFER BASED ON STATE 131748. WE EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED TIGHT

INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS QUESTION WHICH, IN VIEW OF ABSENCE OF SPECIFICS ON DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT OF JAPANESE OFFER, DID NOT PERMIT US TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS. THE JAPANESE THEN DETAILED THE SPECIFIC COMMODITY AREAS AND TSUS NUMBERS OF INTEREST TO THEM, AS FOLLOWS:

TSUS 336.60 AND 338.15, WOOL FABRICS: IMPORTS FROM JAPAN TOTAL \$12.6 MILLION (32 PERCENT SHARE) AND \$19.6 MILLION (15.6 PERCENT SHARE), RESPECTIVELY.

TSUS 376.00-382.88, WEARING APPAREL: JAPAN'S SHARE OF U.S. IMPORTS OF ALL APPAREL ONLY AMOUNTED TO 6 PERCENT OR \$197 MILLION.

TSUS 532.21 AND 532.24, CERAMIC FLOOR AND WALL TILE: IMPORTS FROM JAPAN IN BOTH CATEGORIES AMOUNTED TO \$21.3 MILLION, A 74 PERCENT AND 33 PERCENT SHARE RESPECTIVELY.

TSUS 533.00-534.88, DINNERWARE: IMPORTS FROM JAPAN TOTALLED \$165 MILLION (51 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 544.51 AND 544.54, GLASS MIRRORS: IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO \$2.0 MILLION (40 PERCENT) AND \$6.3 MILLION (43 PERCENT) RESPECTIVELY.

TSUS 545.35, GLASS INNERS FOR VACUUM FLASKS (TA AUTHORITY CUT ALREADY OFFERED): IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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\$7.1 THOUSAND (35 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 545.53, GLASS GLOBES AND SHADES: IMPORTS TOTALLED \$50 THOUSAND (1 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 546.11-546.17, CRYSTAL: IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO ONLY \$253 THOUSAND (LESS THAN 1 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 406.02-406.80 (ASP), COLORS, DYES, AND STAINS: IMPORTS FROM JAPAN AMOUNTED TO \$52 THOUSAND (1 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 608.52, 608.76, 608.78, 608.85, AND 608.88, SPECIALTY STEEL PRODUCTS: JAPAN'S INTEREST CENTERS ON THE MANDATORY EXCEPTIONS WHERE JAPAN'S SHARE RANGES FROM 24 PERCENT TO 60 PERCENT.

TSUS 629.15 AND 629.20, TITANIUM: IMPORTS OF BOTH ITEMS FROM JAPAN TOTALLED \$7.5 MILLION (63 PERCENT AND 48 PERCENT SHARE, RESPECTIVELY).

TSUS 650.01-650.65, FLATWARE: JAPANESE INTEREST

CENTERS ON THE HIGH TARIFF RATES RECOMMENDED BY THE USITC.
ALSO, PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FURTHER TARIFF CUTS ON
FLATWARE WITH HANDLES OF WOOD (BAMBOO) AND PLASTICS.
TSUS 682.25, ELECTRIC MOTORS: IMPORTS FROM JAPAN
AMOUNTED TO \$12.9 MILLION (42 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 692.02, TRUCKS (CHICKEN WAR): IMPORTS FROM JAPAN
AMOUNTED TO \$0.9 MILLION (36 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 700.53, RUBBER FOOTWEAR: JAPAN'S SHARE AMOUNTED
TO LESS THAN 5 PERCENT.

TSUS 708.52-708.57, BINOCULARS, TELESCOPES, AND

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ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENTS: REQUESTS REDUCTION TO ZERO (FULL
AUTHORITY CUT ALREADY OFFERED).

TSUS 712.49, ELECTRICAL CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS: IMPORTS
FROM JAPAN AMOUNTED TO \$42.3 MILLION (24 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUSA 725.0610, GUITARS: IMPORTS FROM JAPAN EQUALLED
\$10.4 MILLION (50 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 732.18, BICYCLES: IMPORTS FROM JAPAN WERE \$26.2

MILLION (45 PERCENT SHARE).

TSUS 745.70-745.74, SLIDE FASTENERS: JAPANESE SHARE
OF TOTAL IMPORTS EXCEEDED 75 PERCENT.

THE ABOVE IMPORT DATA ARE BASED ON 1976 TRADE STATISTICS.

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